TESTIMONIALS

IN FAVOR OF

THE REV. CHARLES MORRISON, A.M.,

CANDIDATE FOR THE

CHAIR OF HEBREW,

Biblical Criticism and Church History,

IN THE

UNIVERSITY OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE,

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To the Patrons of the Chair of Hebrew, Church History, and Biblical Criticism, in the University of Queen's College, Kingston, Canada.

GENTLEMEN:

I beg leave respectfully to offer myself as a Candidate for the Chair of Hebrew, Church History and Biblical Criticism, in the University Queen's College, and to request your attention to the accompanying testimonials. Should I succeed in obtaining the appointment, it will be my anxious endeavour to justify your choice.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

CHARLES MORRISON.

8 Buccleuch Place, Edinburgh, 24th March, 1857.

I.—CLASS CERTIFICATES.

From the late Rev. Thomas Gillespie, L.L.D., Professor of Humanity in the University of St. Andrew's.

I hereby certify that Mr. Charles Morrison attended the Junior Humanity Class during Session 1843-'44, that he greatly distinguished himself by his public appearances, and extra labour, was placed on the list of honours, and always conducted himself with propriety.

(Signed,) THOMAS GILLESPIE, LL. D.

St. Andrew's, 26th April, 1844.

From Andrew Alexander, Esquire, L.L.D., Professor of Greek in the University of St. Andrew's.

I certify that Mr. Charles Morrison was a Student in the Greek Class of the United College during the Sessions 1843-'44 and 1844-'45; that his attendance was strictly regular, and his conduct most exemplary; that he prosecuted his studies with ability and unremitting application, and that he ranked in the honorary list of Students, distinguished for their proficiency in Greek Literature.

(Signed,) ANDREW ALEXANDER.

St. Andrew's, 23rd April, 1845.

From Thomas Duncan, Esquire, L.L.D., Professor of Mathematics in the University of St. Andrew's.

I certify with regard to Mr. Charles Morrison, that he attended the second Mathematical Class during the last Session; that he wss regular in his attendance; that in the Class he conducted himself with propriety and attention; that he showed himself to be well prepared in the daily business of the Class; that he gave in the numerous exercises of a more ordinary and practical nature performed with care; that he gave in many theoretical exercises of a more difficult nature, successfully performed; that he distinguished himself in a number of written competitions, from which all foreign aid was excluded, so much as at the end of the Session, to obtain a place on the honorary list of distinguished Students; that his conduct, when not in the Class, so far as known to me, was unexceptionable.

(Signed,) THOMAS DUNCAN.

St. Andrew's, 1st May, 1846.

From the Same.

I hereby certify that Mr. Charles Morrison attended the Third or highest Mathematical Class during the last Session; and that he distinguished himself so much as to obtain a place in the honorary list of distinguished Students.

(Signed,) THOMAS DUNCAN.

United College, St. Andrew's, 29th April, 1847.

From the Rev. John Kyd, Ph. D.

I certify that Mr. Charles Morrison attended the Natural Philosophy Class of Session 1846-'47, and that his public appearances and competition exercises were such as to obtain for him a high place in the honorary list of distinguished Students.

(Signed,) JOHN KYD.

United College, St. Andrew's, 30th April, 1847.

From the late Very Reverend Robert Haldane, D. D., Principal of St. Mary's College, St. Andrews.

I certify that Mr. Charles Morrison was a Student of Divinity in St. Mary's College during three complete sessions, 1847-48, 1848-49, and 1849-50; that he was regular in his attendance on all the lectures and examinations, and most correct in his whole deportment; that he delivered in the Hall with high approbation all the exercises prescribed by Acts of Assembly, viz:—An Exegesis, a Homily, an Exercise and Addition, a Hebrew Critical Exercise, a Lecture, and a Popular Sermon, and that he exhibited most satisfactory proofs of good abilities, diligence and distinguished proficiency as a Student of Theology.

(Signed,) ROBERT HALDANE, S.T.P., C.M.P.

St. Mary's College, 22nd April, 1850.

From the Rev. Alexander F. Mitchell, M. A., Professor of Hebrew in St. Mary's College, St. Andrews.

I hereby certify that Mr. Charles Morrison was a Student in my Senior Hebrew Class, during Sessions 1848-'49 and 1849-'50; that he gave strictly regular attendance, made good progress in his studies, and always conducted himself with propriety.

(Signed,) ALEXR. F. MITCHELL.

St. Andrews, 28th April, 1850.

From the Rev. George Buist, D. D., Professor of Ecclesistical History and Theology in St. Mary's College, St. Andrews.

Mr. Charles Morrison, Student in Divinity, attended the Lectures in Ecclesiastical History during the three last Sessions of St.Mary's College. His behaviour while here, so far as my information extends, has corresponded in every respect with his views, and I have every reason to be satisfied, with his diligence in the prosecution of his studies.

(Signed,) GEORGE BUIST.

St. Andrews, 29th March, 1850.

From the Rev. Thomas T. Jackson, D. D.,

Professor of Church History in the University of Glasgow, late Professor of Biblical Criticism in St. Mary's College, St. Andrews.

I hereby certify that Mr. Charles Morrison attended the Class of Theology and Biblical Criticism, during the last three Sessions, that his attendance was regular, his appearances when examined excellent, and his conduct in all respects as far as is known to me, becoming his profession.

(Signed, T. T. JACKSON, S. T. P.

St. Andrews, March, 1850.

NOTE.—I attended the late Prof.Tennant's Hebrew Class during Session 1847-'48. In consequence of his death I have no certificate of attendance. C. M.

II.—Certificates bearing on my Qualifications as a Teacher.

From Andrew Alexander, Esq., L. L. D.

I certify that Mr. Charles Morrison attended the Greek Class of the United College for several Sessions; that he merited throughout my unqualified approbation by the steady propriety of his conduct, and the diligence and success with which he prosecuted his studies; that he has considerable experience in teaching, and acquaintance with the most approved methods of organizing the Classes, and conducting the educational details of a public Seminary, having been for some time employed as an assistant in the Madras College; and that I doubt not, he would discharge the important duties of a public teacher in a manner alike creditable to himself and satisfactory to the parents and guardians of his pupils.

(Signed,) ANDREW ALEXANDER.

London, 8th July, 1848.

From Edward Woodford, Esq., L. L. D.,

H. M. Inspector of Schools for Scotland, and late Classical Master in the Madras College, St. Andrews.

I have known Mr. Charles Morrison for several years. He has frequently been engaged as Tutor to pupils in my different Classes, and has acted also as assistant to me in public teaching. I have reason to be well pleased with his exertions and success in both capacities. He appears to me to possess several of the elements of a good teacher in a high degree, particularly temper, activity and endurance. That his Scholarship is substantial, will, I doubt not be amply testified by his University certificates, and altogether, I regard him as highly deserving of promotion and encouragement.

(Signed,) EDWARD WOODFORD.

St. Andrews, 7th June, 1848.

From William Pyper, Esq., L. L. D.,

Professor of Humanity in the University of St. Andrews.

Having already testified to the character and attainments of Mr. Charles Morrison as a Student in the Humanity Class, I have much pleasure in adding that he has since completed the course of study in the United College, and after strict examination obtained the Degree of A. M.

I may be permitted to state that the favourable impression produced by his exemplary conduct, and attention to study, while more immediately under my eye, has been strengthened by what I have subsequently learnt respecting him from other quarters, and that I consider him well qualified by temper and disposition, as well as by excellence of character, to undertake the duties of an instructor of youth.

(Signed,) WILLIAM PYPER, LL. D.

St. Andrews, 6th July, 1848.

From William O. Lonie, Esq., A. M.,

Teacher of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy in the Madras College, St. Andrews.

I have great pleasure in bearing testimony to the merits of Mr. Charles Morrison, A. M., with reference to his application to the Teachership of the combined Parish School of Newburn, and Grammar School of Drumeldrie.

I have been intimately acquainted with him for several years, and have formed a very high opinion of his religious and moral worth, as well as of his abilities, acquirements, and gentlemanly qualities. He acted as my assistant in the Mathematical Classes of the Madras College for a considerable part of last Session, and approved himself as pre-eminently qualified in point of excellent tact, thorough self-command, and class government, combined with very extensive acquirements, easy communication and active exertion, to conduct the education of youth.

Mr. M.'s attainments are certainly beyond the mere requirements of Newburn School, being well-known, and approved in St. Andrews as a distinguished scholar—but his well regulated mind is, I am convinced, fit for the lowest as well as the highest departments of teaching—and these very attainments, combined with his energy and tact, give admirable promise, should he succeed in this application, of future scholastic distinction to Newburn, such as its ample endowments would warrant.

It were difficult to say, wherein as a scholar, Mr. Morrison excels, his English is correct, plain and pleasing, his Classical attainments (as per common report), of the highest order, and his Arithmetical and Mathemetical attainments are such, as I from long experience, can confidently recommend to be amply sufficient for one situation. As a Teacher, I have found him temperate and mild, yet firm in duty, energetic also, and capable of communicating his knowledge with ease and discrimination. I speak warmly and confidently of Mr. Morrison, for I have a high regard for him, and am firmly of opinion that the Heritors and Patrons of Newburn School will be fortunate in securing his services.

(Signed,) WILLIAM O. LONIE, A. M.

Madras College, St. Andrews, July, 1848.

III.—Certificates bearing on my acquaintance with the Science of Theology.

From the Rev. Alexr. F. Mitchell, A. M.,

Professor of Hebrew in St. Mary's College, St. Andrews.

The Rev. Charles Morrison, Preacher of the Gospel, has been known to me for several years, and is regarded by me as a young man of correct deportment, good abilities, and amiable dispositions. While at College, he was a laborious and successful Student, and since he entered on the duties of his profession, he has continued to display the same qualities. I have heard him officiate in the pulpit, and can bear testimony to the earnest and impressive way in which he conducted the services, both devotional and instructional. For some months past he has been employed as an assistant in a country parish, and I believe has discharged his duties in that situation to the satisfaction of his employer, and his hearers; and from all I know and have heard of him, I cannot doubt that should he be appointed to a Church or Parish, he will prove a zealous and efficient Minister of the Gospel.

(Signed,) ALEX. F. MITCHELL.

St. Andrews, Nov. 8th, 1851.

From Professor Jackson, D. D.

Mr. Charles Morrison has been known to me during the whole course of his Theological studies, and every thing I have seen of him, impressed me very favorably both as to his intellectual powers and as to his disposition. I considered his mental powers to be very good and well balanced, and his temper to be amiable and cheerful; and his progress in his studies appeared to me to be suitable to those excellent qualifications for the study of such a subject as Theology. Having seen little of him since he finished his studies at the University, I must leave to others to speak of him as a probationer, but I have little doubt, from what I know of him, that he will become a useful and efficient Minister of religion.

(Signed,) T. S. JACKSON.

St. Andrew's, 26th June, 1851.

From the late Very Rev. Principal Haldane, D. D.

I have known Mr. Morrison from his earliest years, and have always entertained a very high opinion of his scholarship, talents, and principles. His sermons from the pulpit are well composed and strictly evangelical. They are calculated to edify and impress any audience whether learned or unlearned. His manner is grave and sufficiently animated indicating a heart deeply impressed with those saving truths which he powerfully enforces on others. The consequence is, that he is extremely popular in every congregation where he has officiated. He has a high sense of duty, and is capable of submitting to a great degree of labour. He possesses great prudence and gentleness of temper, and is most correct in his whole deportment. In a word, from every view that I can take of Mr. Morrison's character and qualifications, I can strongly recommend him as a young man peculiarly well fitted for the work of the Ministry, —as one who would be endeared to his flock, not merely by the excellency of his public ministrations, but also by the assiduous discharge of all the more private duties of a faithful and affectionate Pastor.

(Signed,) ROBERT HALDANE.

St. Andrews, 8th Oct., 1851.

From William Wright, Esq., B.A., Ph. D.,

Professor of Oriental Languages in the University of Dublin.

I have known the Rev. C. Morrison intimately for a number of years. Possessed of great talent and industry, he distinguished himself highly throughout his academical career; and in particular devoted much attention to those departments of study, a knowledge of which is incumbent on every Clergyman, I mean Hebrew and Biblical Criticism.

Mr. Morrison will, I have no doubt prove an excellent teacher, as he has had much experience both in public and private tuition.

(Signed,) WILLIAM WRIGHT.

Trinity College, Dublin, 7th March, 1857.

From the Rev. James Reid, Minister of Borthwick.

I have very great pleasure in bearing my most favorable testimony to the ability and attainments as a preacher, and the high standing as a scholar, of my valued friend, the Rev. Charles Morrison. I have possessed the privilege of his intimate acquaintance for the last four or five years, and the candid opinion which I entertain of him is, that from his great natural talents, extensive and accurate acquirements, sound views of Scripture truth, deep piety, and knowledge of the world, he is admirably well qualified for the Professional Chair to which he is aspiring. I know him to be possessed of scholarly attainments, rarely found in so young a man. He is a good linguist, and a good biblical critic, and when he enunciates his views, he always expresses himself with clearness and precision. Should he be honored with the appointment, it is my most solemn conviction that he will discharge its duties most conscientiously and zealously, and to the entire satisfaction of his patrons.

(Signed,) JAMES REID.

Manse, Borthwick, 24th March, 1857.

From the Revd. William H. Gray, M. A.,

Minister of Lady Yesters, Edinburgh.

I give this testimonial with very great pleasure. I have a great respect for Mr. Morrison as a man. I had every opportunity of knowing—from my residence for several years in Newington—that his services in Newington Chapel were able and acceptable, and that his other duties were most conscientiously performed. He has preached repeatedly in Lady Yester's Church. I have heard him there, and thought *very* highly of his manner in conducting Divine services, and of his abilities as a Preacher.

With good talents and sound sense, an excellent acquaintance with human nature, and habits of persevering industry and application; with great modesty and obligingness of disposition; with the most unexceptionable character, and thorough Christian principle, he well deserves promotion in the Church.

I do not know his special qualifications for the situation he is now applying for—but I know that he is an excellent general scholar, and has had very considerable experience in teaching, and I am quite sure he will continue to qualify himself still more fully for the important duties connected with the appointment for which he applies.

Altogether, I have a very high opinion of Mr. Morrison (for I have known him long and well) as a scholar, as a Minister, and as a man.

(Signed,) WILLIAM H. GRAY.

21 Royal Terrace, Edinburgh, March 17th, 1857.

From the Revd. John Cook, D. D.,

Minister of St. Leonard's, St. Andrews.

Having been asked to give a testimonial to Mr. Charles Morrison, as a candidate for the Theological Professorship, vacant in Queen's College, Canada, I most willingly renew my testimony to his character and qualifications.

I have known him intimately for nearly twelve years past, and during the whole of that time, I have ever found in him the same zealous, active, obliging, and exemplary character, which I recognised in him when he was a Student at College, and attending my Church.

Of his good abilities, his College testimonials will bear witness; he was much employed here in teaching privately and publicly, and I believe in all cases fulfilled his duties much to his credit, and to the satisfaction of those who had engaged his services. While he was resident in my parish, his conduct, as far as known to me, was always unexceptionable, and becoming his professional views; and since he was licensed, he has, I understand, given evidence of the same intelligence, and honorable principle, and assiduous application to duty, of which his earlier career gave promise.

I am persuaded that his views of Christian doctrine are sound and Scriptural; and that alike by his kindly dispositions, and by his faithful instructions, he would gain and enjoy the affection and respect of young men committed to his care, and contribute to their being well prepared for the Christian ministry.

(Signed,) JOHN COOK.

St. Andrews, Febr. 17th, 1857.

From the Revd. David Arnot, D. D.,

One of the Ministers of the High Church, Edinburgh.

I have known the Revd. Charles Morrison, A. M. for some years, and from personal knowledge, can speak very confidently of his professional character and attainments.

Mr. Morrison's mind, naturally strong and acute, has been carefully cultivated, and amply stored with theological and general literature. His views of divine truth are sound, enlightened and practical; and in his pulpit ministrations, these are illustrated and enforced with great good sense and earnestness. He has a robust constitution, and is capable of a great amount of physical labour —which I regard as a high recommendatory qualification in a Clergyman. In his present sphere of duty, Mr. Morrison is very much esteemed by the people among whom he so diligently and faithfully labours; and I have no doubt that he would prove a most useful and acceptable Minister wherever in Providence his lot may be cast. He has my hearty prayers for his advancement and success.

(Signed,) DAVID ARNOT.

Edinburgh, 5th September, 1855.

In addition to what has been stated on a preceding page, I may add, that from my intimate knowledge of Mr. Morrison's peculiar mental tendencies and habits, and his solid and ample acquirements in the various branches of theological learning, I have no hesitation in stating my conviction that he is eminently fitted to occupy the vacant chair in Queen's College, Canada.

(Signed,) DAVID ARNOT.

P. S.—Mr. Morrison has had very considerable experience in teaching.

Edinburgh, 19th March, 1857.

From the Revd. James Veitch, D. D.,

One of the Ministers of St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh.

The Revd. Charles Morrison has for several years officiated in Newington Chapel, in this parish, and during that period has maintained a character becoming his christian calling, and has discharged his duties both in the pulpit and as a Missionary in the district, with much fidelity and acceptance. He has repeatedly officiated in St. Cuthbert's, conducting the whole services with intelligence and propriety, and in a way that was fitted to instruct and edify the hearers.

I consider him a man of good abilities, of sound principles, and amiable disposition, sincerely attached to his sacred profession, and anxious to devote himself to the advancement of truth. Though I cannot speak of his literary attainments in relation to the chair of Church History, for which he is now a candidate, yet, I am persuaded that he would not undertake the duties of an office for which he did not conscientiously feel himself competent; and that were he appointed, he would discharge them with diligence and zeal, and in a way creditable to himself and beneficial to the Church.

(Signed,) JAMES VEITCH.

St. Cuthbert's Manse, Edinburgh, March 17th, 1857.

From Clergymen who were my fellow-students at the University.

We, the undersigned, have had the pleasure of knowing the Revd. Charles Morrison very intimately, for a period of thirteen years, during seven of which, we were fellow-students at St. Andrews College.

In the various classes through which we passed in our College curriculum, Mr. Morrison always held a distinguished place, and had not much of his time out of Classes been occupied in teaching, we feel satisfied from our knowledge of his talents, and habits of unwearied application, that he would have taken a place second to none.

In the Hebrew Classes, in St. Mary's College, Mr. Morrison took a very high place, and during vacation, faithfully prosecuted the study of that language, in conjunction with a few of his fellow-students, who associated themselves together for that purpose.

Since leaving College, we have been much with Mr. Morrison, and have the best means of knowing that the promises of his student life have been fully realised.

Mr. Morrison exhibits, on all occasions, a clear, penetrating, and inquiring mind, which will not rest satisfied without a thorough knowledge of every subject to which it may be directed; whilst his great warmth of heart, coupled with considerable powers of imagination, enables him to communicate his knowledge to others in a manner well calculated to attract and interest.

From all we know of Mr. Morrison's character and talents, we have no doubt, that if appointed to a Hebrew Professorship, he would prove a most able and successful teacher.

(Signed,) JAMES CAMPBELL, A. M., St. George's Church, Edinburgh.
HUGH DRENNAN, late Chaplain to the Army in the East.
THOMAS BROWN, Minister of Collace, Perthshire.
DANIEL FRASER, A. M., Madras College, St. Andrews.
JOHN REID, Minister of Monikie, Forfarshire.
ALEXR. McWHANNEL, Minister of Blairimgone.
GEORGE SIMPSON, A. M., Minister of Bridgeton, Glasgow.

From the Revd. John Paul, D, D,,

One of the Ministers of St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh.

The Rev. Charles Morrison has been intimately known to me for several years' and it affords me peculiar pleasure to record, that I consider him a young man of superior talents, of sound christian principles, and of irreproachable character. His views of divine truth are clear and correct, and his mode of stating and illustrating them in his discourses, every way fitted to arrest the attention, and to minister directly to the edifying of the hearers. He has been well educated for the ministry, and his faculties carefully cultivated and trained. He has the habits of a Student, and is well read in Theology, and is a man of winning manners, most amiable dispositions, and unaffected piety.

With reference to his present application for the Chair of Hebrew, Church History, and Biblical Criticism, in Queen's College, Canada, I am glad to have it in my power to state from personal knowledge that for these departments in particular, he has all along shown a strong prelediction, that he distinguished himself as a scholar in the Hebrew Classes at St. Andrews University, and has all the qualities that would make a good teacher of that language, being able with readiness and with energy to communicate to others the knowledge which he possesses himself; that Biblical Criticism, in which he is no mean proficient, and Church History, have ever been to him congenial walks of study, and that from the acquirements which he has already made, and the pledge which his previous habits give of still greater acquirements, and the feeling sense of duty which he has upon his mind as to what he undertakes. I am persuaded that if appointed to the Chair in question, he will acquit himself of all that it lays upon him, not with zeal and faithfulness only, but with ability, prudence, and distinguished success. To the vacant office referred to, I know no young man I could more confidently recommend, and none in whose professional promotion, on the sole grounds of his personal merits, and amiable character, I would more sincerely sympathize.

(Signed,) JOHN PAUL.

St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, 23rd March, 1857.

We certify that the above is a faithful copy of the original documents.

J. NELSON DYER, Merchant, Edinburgh.
JOHN R. WILLIAMSON, Mining Engineer, Edinburgh.

30th March, 1857.